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In re application of:

Gontin *et al.*

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System for EUV Interferometry**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet
- (B) Starting on a separate sheet, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.